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REMARKS

Claims 6, 7, 14-20, 28, and 30 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-5, 8-13, 21-27, 29, and 31-33 remain in this application. Reconsideration of the currently rejected claims is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicated that claims 21-27 and 29-33 are allowed.

Claim 7 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 8, 11, and 12 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification.

The Examiner indicated that support was not found in the specification for use of the term “about” added to these claims. Applicants have deleted this term in claims 8 and 11. Support for use of the term “about” in claim 12 can be found on page 17, lines 15-17 of the specification.

Applicants therefore respectfully request that the rejection of claims 8, 11, and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, be withdrawn.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-5 and 8-13 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Shieh et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,641,611) in view of *Burrows et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,013,538) and further in view of *Tyan et al.* (U.S. Patent Publication 2004/0061136), *Wang et al.* (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0038075) and *Li* (U.S. Patent No. 6,372,154). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite limitations similar to those in cancelled claim 7, which the Examiner indicated contained allowable subject matter. Independent claim 13 has been amended to recite limitations similar to those in cancelled claim 30, which the Examiner

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indicated contained allowable subject matter. The addition of "cesium" in the amendments to claims 1 and 13 is supported in the application as filed on page 8, lines 28-29.

Accordingly, claims 1 and 13 should now be in condition for allowance. Since claims 2-5 and 8-12 depend from claim 1, these claims include the limitations of claim 1. Thus, claims 2-5 and 8-12 should also be in condition for allowance.

Applicants therefore respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1-5 and 8-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

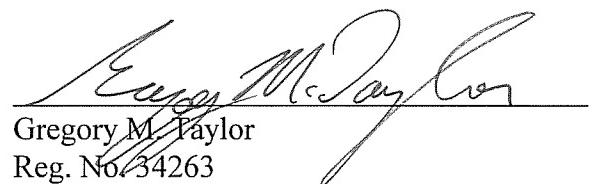
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the current claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 502432.

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding this application, please contact the undersigned at 612-332-4720.

Respectfully submitted,

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